

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 27, of page 11 and continuing on to page 12 with the following amended paragraph:

In the HDD gasket of the present invention, the ratio (h/w) of the height (h) of the gasket to the line width (w) thereof on its joint surface to the cover member is preferably in the range of 0.8 to 3.0 and more preferably more than 0.8 in a 80% or more portion and preferably an entire portion of the gasket. When the ratio (h/w) is 0.8 or more, the effects of the present invention can be sufficiently achieved. ~~On the other hand~~Further, when the ratio (h/w) is 3.0 or lower, the obtained gasket tends to become uncollapsible when compressed and, therefore, is free from sealing problems.